

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

A239 Selective encryption for object data such that objects having copyrights to-be-protected are encrypted. _____

_____ There are provided a plurality of data compression devices ~~means 11-13~~ for compressing respective object data respectively corresponding to a plurality of objects ~~object~~ which compose a scene, a multiplexor ~~multiplexing means 15~~ for multiplexing scene description data and compressed object data to produce a multiplexed bit stream MB, a scrambler ~~scrambling means 16~~ for encrypting (scrambling) individual streams corresponding to the objects having copyrights to-be-protected in the multiplexed bit stream MB, to produce an encrypted bit stream SB, for outputting the encrypted bit stream SB to a data storage medium ~~19~~ or a data transmission medium ~~18~~.

{Selected Figure 1}